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5 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
6 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 ERIC SHEVA MANTEL BRANCH, and
12 MICHAEL D. WILLIAMS,

13 Defendants.

Case No. 2:12-cr-00274 -APG-GWF

ORDER

14 This matter came before the Court on the Government's Motion for Hearing [Dkt
15 #38]. The Government asked the Court to impanel two juries, in lieu of conducting
16 separate trials for each of the Defendants.

17 On April 4, 2013, Magistrate Judge Foley entered his Order [Dkt #36] granting, in
18 part, defendant Eric Sheva Mantel Branch's Sealed Motion to Sever [Dkt #26]. Judge
19 Foley suggested that the Court should impanel two juries or, in the alternative, grant
20 separate trials to the Defendants.

21 The Court has considered the arguments set forth in the Government's Motion
22 [Dkt #38], the parties' papers filed prior to Judge Foley's April 4, 2013 Order, and the
23 arguments of counsel at the May 14, 2013 hearing.

24 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Government's Motion for use of dual juries is
25 **DENIED.**

26 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Court will impanel two juries and conduct
27 separate trials for each Defendant. As discussed during the May 14, 2013 hearing, the
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1 two trials will proceed simultaneously, with the trial involving defendant MICHAEL D.
2 WILLIAMS during the mornings, and the trial involving defendant ERIC SHEVA MANTEL
3 BRANCH during the afternoons.

4 Dated: May 16, 2013



ANDREW P. GORDON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE